

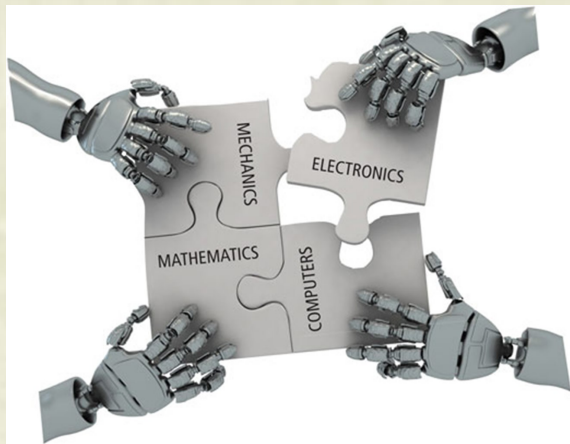
MMSA NEWS

Y O U R P A R E N T T E A C H E R O R G A N I Z A T I O N

M I D - T H I R D Q U A R T E R H I G H L I G H T S

MMS Vex Robotics Tournament

January 30th, Mansfield Middle School hosted a Vex Robotics Tournament at MMS. The event was a huge success. Thirty three VEX and IQ teams competed at the tournament. Thank you to all of the parents, staff and community members who came on Saturday to help out. Doug and Annie Perkins masterfully managed all of the pre planning that helped to make this large event run smoothly.



Vex Robotics Southern New England Tournament

MMS Vex Robotics performed well at the Southern New England Tournament. All teams passed inspection and earned the opportunity to compete in this competition. Team 902B made it to the finals. Congratulations to all participants for your effort, commitment and perseverance in this extremely competitive event.

5th Grade Fire Prevention Poster Contest Celebration

5th Grade Fire Prevention Poster Celebration was a great success. Students who participated in this year's fire prevention poster contest were treated to a pizza luncheon provided by the Mansfield Fire Department. Thank you to all the MMS Staff and Mansfield firefighters who made this possible.

Pep Rally

On Friday, February 12th, MMS students participated in the annual pep rally. The afternoon began in the auditorium where students listened to speeches prepared for the mid-year student council elections. Another highlight from the afternoon was recognition of all of our athletic teams at the beginning of the pep rally. Students and staff members then played the annual staff / student basketball game. One final entertaining highlight of the afternoon involved Mr. Barlow being slimed by Mrs. St. Jean's homeroom. Homeroom 100 brought in the most box tops for the MMSA Box Top competition and received the honor of covering Mr. Barlow with slime. Thank you to the MMSA for this creative competition.



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Student Council Canned Goods Drive

In conjunction with spirit week, the student council coordinated a week of activities to promote school spirit. As part of this week, student council also collected canned goods for the local soup kitchen. Students who brought in 5 canned goods could nominate a staff member to eat flavored crickets or larvettes (BBQ, Sour Cream & Chive or Cheddar Cheese.) This was a very motivating event.

Looking In Theatre Visits MMS

The looking in theatre is a group comprised of high school students from the greater Hartford area. As part of this group, performers participate in a rigorous 5 week training on situations and topics relevant to middle and high school students. The presentation involved a series of dramatic scenes dealing with important social, family and personal issues relevant to middle school students followed by a discussion in which the actors answered questions as their characters. The interactive format allowed students to process the scenes and reflect on the actions of the actors. Through this process students were also able to reflect on how they might handle similar situations.

Science Quiz Bowl

MMS Science Quiz Bowl participants perform well at the Regional Science Quiz Bowl Competition held at UCONN on Saturday, February 27th. Thirty-two teams competed in seven round-robin matches in the morning, and double-elimination rounds in the afternoon. Both MMS teams made it into the after-

noon championship bracket. Team A took home a third place trophy from Saturday's event. Both teams represented MMS well--they have reason to hold their heads high.

Manchester History Day Competition

Seven students competing in the History Day competition in Manchester have moved on to the state level.

Students Recognized were:

Joy Rollins - third place Individual Performance

Anatole Keshwani - second place Individual Website

Mathew Chandy and Porter Mitoma - second place Group Documentary

Zach Scruggs and Will Huey - first place Group Exhibit

MMS hosted a successful Regional History Day Competition on Saturday, March 5th, and we send hearty congratulations to those moving on to the State Competitions.

Next MMSA Meeting

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING



April 5th
7pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 15—Spring Sports Registration Deadline
- 16—5th & 8th Grade Science CMT's
- 23—No Late Busses
- 24—No School (Professional Development)
- 25—No School (Good Friday)



April

- 1 —School Play, Lion King Jr., 7pm
- 2—School Play, Lion King Jr., 7pm
- 3—School Play, Lion King Jr., 1pm
- 5—MMSA Meeting 7pm
- 6—No Late Busses
- 8—3rd Marking Period Ends
- 15—Report Cards Issued
- 18-22—No School (Spring Break)
- 27—No Late Busses



May

- 3—MMSA Meeting 7:30 pm
- 4—No Late Busses
- 11—Spring Band Concert 7pm
- 12—Spring Band Concert 9am
- 18—Spring Orchestra Concert 7pm
- 19—Spring Orchestra Concert 1pm
- 25—Spring Choral Concert 7pm
- 30—No School (Memorial Day)



MMSA Direct Giving Campaign

2015 – 2016

As the Parent or Guardian of a Mansfield Middle School Student, you are considered a member of the Mansfield Middle School Association (MMSA).

As our school's PTO, the MMSA collects voluntary dues so we can provide financial support to our teachers, staff and students for various scholarships, activities, enrichment programs and materials for certain projects. In addition to funding activities like the Closing Ceremony and class picnics, Teachers and Staff request monies from the MMSA each year for their programs and projects through a Grants process. We would like to be able to fully fund all of these requests but we are often only able to support around half of these grants due to shortages in our MMSA school fund. ***This is where you come in*** – in order to better support these requests AND keep the number of fundraisers down throughout the year, we're asking families to give a small donation at the beginning of the year to help support these programs (donations are accepted throughout the school year as well).

This year the suggested donation is \$10 - \$20; please consider making whatever contribution fits your budget.

Please complete the bottom section of this form and keep the top portion for your records. Donations can be handed directly to the MMSA delegates on hand at any of the school events, brought to Open House during September, dropped off at the school office, sent in with your child to his/her homeroom or sent in the mail to:

Mansfield Middle School
Attn: MMSA Membership Drive
205 Spring Hill Road
Storrs, CT 06268

Thank you

A Donation of \$_____ was made to the MMSA by, Name: _____

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MMSA Direct Giving Campaign Form

2015 - 2016

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Gift amount: _____

Thank you for your support!

Please make checks payable to: MMSA